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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CATALOGUING INFORMATION ON
THE WORLD WIDE WEB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A web server and an associated online database ~~Methods and apparatus~~ are disclosed that allow a user to update an entry in the database ~~for cataloguing information on the World Wide Web~~. The web server may be configured to receive a request from a user to updated an entry in an on-line database; verify the authority of the user to update the entry; display a page containing an entry to be updated; and allow a user to specify a new user-defined category for the entry. ~~In a preferred embodiment, a computer having access to the Web is configured to receive information from a Web traversing program configured to store information found at a link. The computer then stores and categorizes the information in a parent database. The database is then made available on the Web through a search engine.~~

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1-14. (Cancelled)
15. (New) A method for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:
receiving a request from a user to updated an entry in an on-line
database;
verifying the authority of the user to update the entry;
displaying a page containing an entry to be updated; and
allowing a user to specify a new user-defined category for the entry.
16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein said entry includes non-textual
content.
17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said non-textual content comprise
graphics.
18. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the act of allowing said
user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined
keyword.
19. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the act of allowing said
user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

20. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the act of allowing said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.

21. (New) An apparatus for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:

means for receiving a request from a user to updated an entry in an on-line database;

means for verifying the authority of the user to update the entry;

means for displaying a page containing an entry to be updated; and

means for allowing a user to specify a new user-defined category for the entry.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said entry includes non-textual content.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for allowing said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.
27. (New) A web server for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:
a web server and an associated database, the web server including an HTML front-ending process configured to:
receive a request from a user to updated an entry in an on-line database;
verify the authority of the user to update the entry;
display a page containing an entry to be updated; and
allow a user to specify a new user-defined category for the entry.
28. (New) The web server of claim 27, wherein said entry includes non-textual content.
29. (New) The web server of claim 28, wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics.
30. (New) The web server of claim 27, further configured to allow said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.
31. (New) The web server of claim 27, further configured to allow said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

32. (New) The web server of claim 27, further configured to allow said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.